



# Town of North Reading



## CHANGES IN RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION Effective July 01, 2014

Dear North Reading Residents,

The following guidelines are provided due to program changes in the recycling and rubbish collection program.

Beginning the week of July 1<sup>st</sup>, North Reading residents will be required to:

- Limit their rubbish disposal to **two** 35 gallon bags or barrels per household per week.
- Weekly Recycling is unlimited for every household.

The goal is to reduce cost by decreasing the tonnage of rubbish that is incinerated and increasing recycling. We ask all residents to participate in working towards this goal.

We hope you find this guide helpful. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions regarding Rubbish disposal and Recycling in the Town of North Reading.

## RUBBISH DISPOSAL LIMITS

- No more than **two** 35 gallon barrels or bags of rubbish per household per week.
- Contractor will not pick up any trash containing visible recyclable material.



## DUAL STREAM RECYCLING

- Weekly unlimited recycling.
- Prepare as you always have; separate paper and commingled containers. Place bundled paper on top of or beside bin.

*Or*

- **Put Paper/Cardboard in one container and Plastic/Glass/Cans in the other.**
- Use the green recycling bins distributed by the Town of North Reading, AND/OR
- Use your own containers clearly marked with a recycling sticker.
- Recycling bins and stickers are available at Town Hall, DPW Office Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, and Friday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.



## TV/CRT DISPOSAL

- TV's and CRT's (computer monitors) are not allowed with regular trash or recycling.
- Picked up by calling JRM directly at 1-800-323-4285 and scheduling the pickup.
- TV/CRT pickup no charge.



## RIGID PLASTICS EVENT

- The Town will schedule 1 Rigid Plastics Event to be held annually.
- Bring your rigid plastics (toys, plastic chairs, containers, etc.)
- There is no charge for residents.

## LEAF COLLECTION

- The Town will schedule (4) weeks of curbside leaf collection per year.
- The contractor will pick up leaves in large paper bags (no plastic bags). 2 weeks in the spring and 2 weeks in the fall. Collection dates to be announced.
- There is no charge for curbside leaf collection.



## BULK ITEMS

- One Bulk Item per week may be placed at curbside with your regular recycling and rubbish.
- There is no charge and no stickers are required.
- Unusually large or awkward items can be picked up for a fee by calling JRM directly at 1-800-323-4285.

Bulk waste items are defined as any item that is not considered as household rubbish, are not hazardous or construction waste, and are not recyclable. Bulk waste items are of such size or weight (over 80 pounds) that one person cannot readily handle it and/or that fall into the following categories.

- Bulk items include: sofa, loveseat, chairs, recliners, arm-chair, mattress, box-spring, table, desk, bookcase, and carpeting (cut into 3 foot lengths).
- Furniture items, swing sets (dismantled with concrete footings removed), bicycles and other similar items.
- Unsure if it's a bulk item? Call JRM at 1-800-323-4285
- **Consider donating items to local charities.**



## SCRAP METAL PICKUP

- The Town of North Reading will schedule 1 scrap metal pickup annually.
- The contractor will pickup scrap metal curbside from residents at no charge.
- Additionally, there is a scrap metal container at the DPW Garage for Saturday disposal.

## PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

- The Town will schedule 1 Paper Shredding Event to be held annually.
- Residents may bring paper documents that they want to shred.
- There is no charge for shredding.



## What paper can I recycle?

### Accepted Paper & Cardboard:

Newspapers/inserts  
Catalogs  
Envelopes  
Phone Books  
Computer Paper  
Fax paper  
Stationery  
All Books  
Boxboard  
Shredded paper  
Cereal, cake and gift boxes  
Notebooks (no metal rings/clips)  
Pizza Boxes (clean)

Magazines  
Junk Mail  
Paper Bags  
Office Paper  
File Folders



All Cardboard is acceptable. Please breakdown, flatten and fold boxes, cartons & other cardboard into no larger than 3' x 3'.

### Unacceptable Paper:

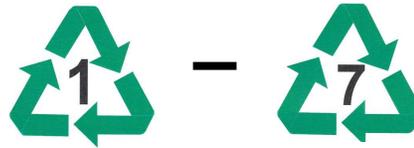
- No napkins, tissues, toilet paper, or soiled paper wrappers.....
- No waxed cardboard.

## What else can I recycle?

### Accepted Commingled Materials:

### PLASTIC

- Butter/margarine tubs
- Dessert/yogurt cups
- Plastic condiment containers
- Six and twelve pack rings
- Water bottles
- Non-returnable beverage bottles



Plastic Containers accepted  
(excluding #6 Styrofoam)

### Unacceptable Plastics:

- No plastic bags, Styrofoam, or packaging peanuts
- No plastic wrap, newspaper sleeves, or plastic film

### GLASS

- Glass bottles, jars, food containers and beverage containers



### Unacceptable Glass:

- No window glass or mirrors,
- No light-bulbs,
- No ceramics or pyrex
- No drinking glasses

## Metal Cans and Foil



- Clean aluminum cans and foil
- Tin and steel cans
- Lids from jars

## USED APPLIANCES

- Household appliances are not allowed with regular trash or recycling.
- They include but are not limited to: refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, heaters, air-conditioners, dehumidifiers, hot water heaters, etc.
- Appliances are picked up by calling JRM directly at 800-323-4285 and arranging payment and scheduling the pickup.
- Appliance pickup fee is \$20 each, appliances with CFC's are an additional \$15.



For more information or suggestions, contact the Department of Public Works at 1-978-664-6060 or email [recycle@northreadingma.gov](mailto:recycle@northreadingma.gov)

The Town's Recycling and Rubbish Collection contractor is:



1-800-323-4285

**Missed trash or recycling collections**

**call JRM**